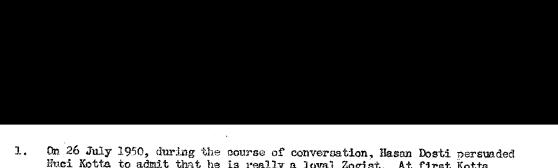
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- 1. On 26 July 1950, during the course of conversation, Hasan Dosti persuaded Muci Kotta to admit that he is really a loyal Zogist. At first Kotta made this admission with certain reservations, but later, under pressure, took a much firmer stand. During the same meeting Kotta attacked Dosti for leading the Balli Kombetar into the Green International. Dosti replied that it was a good thing for the Balli Kombetar to be a member of that organization, and he blamed Kotta for being over-friendly to Sajd Kryeziu and his group. In reply, Kotta said that, although he does not agree with Kryeziu on major issues, they are friends and it is easier to talk with him then with most of the members of the Balli Kombetar. Kotta thereupon accused Dosti of being too much under the influence of Abas Ermeni and his clique, Dosti countering with the statement that Ermeni is young and does not have so much influence as is attributed to him.
- At the end of August 1950 Nucl Kotta informed a friend that Ali Klissura, Koco Muka and Nurredin Vlora had written statements announcing their break with the Balli Kombetar (or what they call the Agrarian Balli Kombetar) and had decided to form their own Balli Kombetar organization along the old lines. The Balli Kombetar, in turn, published a statement demouncing this break, levelling many accusations against the past and present activities of Ali Klissura. According to Kotta, Hasan Dosti has attempted to cover up the split in the Balli Kombetar, and to prevent people in the United States from learning of it.
- 3. Dosti recently told a friend that Halil Shrati had formed a new anti-Zog Republican Party in Paris which has been joined by many Albanians in France. Dosti explained Shputi's organizing a new party on the ground that he is very ambitious and desires to be a party leader. According to Shefki Miraku\*, who arrive in the United States at the beginning of July with his Itulian wife. Inputi studied in a military school in Italy and attended the Law School of the University of Paris (Sorbonne?), from which he may have graduated. During the war Shpati operated with the Maquis and made important connections which he still has, including one person who is now, or has been, a member of the French Cabinet. Miraku describes Shpati as a cultured person who is popular but overly ambitious.

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- 4. According to Dosti, Free Europe, Inc., suggested that the Albanians employ Constantine Chekrezi as editor of the newspaper to be published by the Committee for Free Albania. However, Dosti did not agree because he considered Chekrezi's past as being "too involved" and feared that it might cause trouble.
- 5. The first issue of the newspaper was to appear on Wednesday, 6 September. The office of the Committee is located at 839 West End Avenue,
  New York City. Although numerous invitations had been extended, only
  12 Albanians attended the inauguration of the office, which took place
  early in August.

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  Albania and are not giving it much support.

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<u>Comment</u>: Shefki Miraku is an older brother of Faik Miraku, who came to the United States about two years ago.